

“(3) TRANSITION TO FARM SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.—If a producer enters into an agreement under paragraph (1) to forgo any Federal subsidy toward the premium of any crop insurance policy (other than catastrophic risk protection under section 508(b)) in exchange for contributions by the Secretary to a farm savings account of the producer, then, in connection with the purchase of any crop insurance policy (other than catastrophic risk protection under section 508(b)) during the first 3 taxable years for which the Secretary makes contributions under 200(g) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to a farm savings account of the producer, the amount of the premium to be paid by the Corporation under section 508(e) for such insurance policy shall be equal to—

“(A) for the first taxable year, 75 percent of the amount of the premium that would otherwise be paid by the Corporation under section 508(e);

“(B) for the second taxable year, 50 percent of the amount of the premium that would otherwise be paid by the Corporation under section 508(e); and

“(C) for the third taxable year, 25 percent of the amount of the premium that would otherwise be paid by the Corporation under section 508(e).

“(4) CROP INSURANCE COVERAGE.—

“(A) IN GENERAL.—During the transition period applicable to a producer under paragraph (3), the producer would be covered with any claim at the same level of coverage purchased, but subject to the condition that any claim would first use amounts in the farm savings accounts of a producer before conventional crop insurance would make any payment, if necessary.

“(B) CATASTROPHIC COVERAGE.—If a producer with a farm savings account would be covered under catastrophic risk protection under section 508(b) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act or under the noninsured crop assistance program under section 196 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act, such producer shall be covered with respect to such claim under such protection or program, but subject to the condition that any claim would first use amounts in the farm savings accounts of a producer before any payment was made with respect to such claim.”.

(2) FUNDING SOURCE.—Section 516(b) of such Act (7 U.S.C. 1516(b)) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(3) CONTRIBUTIONS TO FARM SAVINGS ACCOUNTS.—The Secretary shall use the insurance fund established under subsection (c) to make required contributions to farm savings accounts established under section 200 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 in accordance with section 523(f).”.

(h) CONFORMING AMENDMENT TO AGRICULTURAL MARKET TRANSITION ACT.—Section 196(i) of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 (7 U.S.C. 7333) is amended by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

“(6) COORDINATION WITH FARM SAVINGS ACCOUNT PILOT PROGRAM.—No person who has entered into an agreement with the Secretary under the farm savings account pilot program under section 523(f) of the Federal Crop Insurance Act shall be eligible to receive any noninsured assistance payment under this section.”.

(i) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by this section shall apply to taxable years ending after the date of the enactment of this Act.

## NOTICES OF HEARINGS

### COMMITTEE ON ENERGY AND NATURAL RESOURCES

Mr. BINGAMAN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that a hearing has been scheduled before the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

The hearing will be held on Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on S. 2203, a bill to reauthorize the Uranium Enrichment Decontamination and Decommissioning Fund, and for other purposes.

Because of the limited time available for the hearing, witnesses may testify by invitation only. However, those wishing to submit written testimony for the hearing record should send it to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510-6150, or by email to Rosemarie\_Calabro@energy.senate.gov.

For further information, please contact Jonathan Epstein at (202) 228-3031 or Rosemarie Calabro at (202) 224-5039.

### COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS AND ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Mr. KERRY. Mr. President, I would like to inform Members that the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship will hold a hearing entitled “SBA Lender Oversight: Preventing Loan Fraud and Improving Regulation of Lenders,” on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 428A of the Russell Senate Office Building.

### PERMANENT SUBCOMMITTEE ON INVESTIGATIONS

Mr. LEVIN. Mr. President, I would like to announce for the information of the Senate and the public that the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations of the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs will hold a hearing entitled, “Speculation In the Crude Oil Market.” The Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations hearing will examine the role of speculation in recent record crude oil prices. Witnesses for the upcoming hearing will include oil industry and energy market experts. A final witness list will be available Tuesday, November 13, 2007.

The subcommittee hearing is scheduled for Thursday, November 15, 2007, at 2:30 p.m., in room 342 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building. For further information, please contact Elise Bean of the Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations at (202) 224-9505.

## AUTHORITY FOR COMMITTEES TO MEET

### COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE, AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation be authorized to meet

during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 10 a.m., in room 253 of the Russell Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing. This hearing will focus on issues related to media consolidation, pending proposals to change the Federal Communications Commission's media ownership rules, and government efforts to promote localism and diversity in the media marketplace.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Environment and Public Works be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 9:30 a.m. in room 406 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building in order to conduct a hearing entitled, “Legislative Hearing on America's Climate Security Act of 2007, S. 2191.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN RELATIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Foreign Relations be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in order to hold a hearing on Syria.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, EDUCATION, LABOR, AND PENSIONS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled “Protecting the Employment Rights of Those Who Protect the United States” on Thursday, November 8, 2007 at 10 a.m. in room 430 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

### COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct an Executive Business Meeting on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 10 a.m. in room 226 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building.

## Agenda

I. Bills: S. 352, Sunshine in the Courtroom Act of 2007 (Grassley, Schumer, Leahy, Specter, Graham, Feingold, Cornyn, Durbin); S. 2135, Child Soldiers Accountability Act of 2007 (Durbin, Coburn, Feingold, Brownback); S. 2248, Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act of 1978 Amendments Act of 2007.

II. Nominations: Michael J. Sullivan to be Director, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice; Joseph N. Laplante to be United States District

Judge for the District of New Hampshire; Reed Charles O'Connor to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division; Thomas D. Schroeder to be United States District Judge for the Middle District of North Carolina; Amul R. Thapar to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### JOINT ECONOMIC COMMITTEE

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Joint Economic Committee be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate in order to conduct a hearing entitled, "The Economic Outlook," in room 216 of the Hart Senate Office Building, on Thursday, November 8, 2007, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### SUBCOMMITTEE ON NATIONAL PARKS

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on National Parks of the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, November 8, 2007, at 2:30 p.m. in room SD-366 of the Dirksen Senate Office Building, in order to conduct a hearing.

The purpose of the hearing is to receive testimony on the following bills: S. 86, to designate segments of Fossil Creek, a tributary to the Verde River in the State of Arizona, as wild and scenic rivers; S. 1365, to amend the Omnibus Parks and Public Lands Management Act of 1996 to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to enter into cooperative agreements with any of the management partners of the Boston Harbor Islands National Recreation Area, and for other purposes; S. 1449, to establish the Rocky Mountain Science Collections Center to assist in preserving the archeological, anthropological, paleontological, zoological, and geological artifacts and archival documentation from the Rocky Mountain region through the construction of an on-site, secure collections facility for the Denver Museum of Nature & Science in Denver, Colorado; S. 1921, to amend the American Battlefield Protection Act of 1996 to extend the authorization for that Act, and for other purposes; S. 1941, to direct the Secretary of the Interior to study the suitability and feasibility of designating the Wolf House located in Norfolk, Arkansas, as a unit of the National Park System, and for other purposes; S. 1961, to expand the boundaries of the Little River Canyon National Preserve in the State of Alabama; S. 1991, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior to conduct a study to determine the suitability and feasibility of extending the Lewis and Clark National Historic Trail to include additional sites associated with the preparation and return phases of the expedition, and for other purposes; S. 2098, to establish the Northern Plains Heritage Area in the

State of North Dakota; S. 2220, to amend the Outdoor Recreation Act of 1963 to authorize certain appropriations; and H.R. 1191, to authorize the National Park Service to pay for services rendered by subcontractors under a General Services Administration Indefinite Deliver/Indefinite Quantity Contract issued for work to be completed at the Grand Canyon National Park.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### PRIVILEGES OF THE FLOOR

Mr. BAUCUS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Mary Baker, Tom Louthan, Sara Shepherd, Sam Anderson, Travis Cossitt, Siri Smillie, Matt Slonaker, Charles Kovatch, John Carey, Timothy Kehrer, and Mollie Lane be granted the privilege of the floor for the duration of the debate on the farm bill.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. HARKIN. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Dave White, a detailee from USDA to the Committee on Agriculture, and Alexandra Torres, an intern for the committee, be granted the privilege of the floor for any debate and votes on H.R. 2419.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. KENNEDY. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that Gilberto DeJesus, a detailee in the office of Senator CARDIN, be granted floor privileges during the debate and vote on the pending nomination.

The ACTING PRESIDENT pro tempore. Without objection, it is so ordered.

#### DEPARTMENTS OF LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS ACT, 2008

On Wednesday, November 7, 2007, the Senate amended H.R. 3043, as follows:

Strike out all after the enacting clause and insert:

#### SECTION 1. TABLE OF CONTENTS.

The table of contents for this Act is as follows:

Sec. 1. Table of contents.

Sec. 2. Statement of Appropriations.

LABOR, HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, AND EDUCATION, AND RELATED AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS, 2008

Title I—Department of Labor

Title II—Department of Health and Human Services

Title III—Department of Education

Title IV—Related Agencies

Title V—General Provisions

#### SEC. 2. STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS.

The following sums in this Act are appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2008.

#### TITLE I

#### DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

#### EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING ADMINISTRATION TRAINING AND EMPLOYMENT SERVICES (INCLUDING RESCISSIONS)

For necessary expenses of the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 ("WIA"), the Denali Commission Act of 1998, and the Women in Apprenticeship and Non-Traditional Occupations Act of 1992, including the purchase and hire of passenger motor vehicles, the construction, alteration, and repair of buildings and other facilities, and the purchase of real property for training centers as authorized by the WIA; \$3,618,940,000, plus reimbursements, is available. Of the amounts provided:

(1) for grants to States for adult employment and training activities, youth activities, and dislocated worker employment and training activities, \$2,994,510,000 as follows:

(A) \$864,199,000 for adult employment and training activities, of which \$152,199,000 shall be available for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009, and of which \$712,000,000 shall be available for the period October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009;

(B) \$940,500,000 for youth activities, which shall be available for the period April 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009; and

(C) \$1,189,811,000 for dislocated worker employment and training activities, of which \$341,811,000 shall be available for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and of which \$848,000,000 shall be available for the period October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009:

Provided, That notwithstanding the transfer limitation under section 133(b)(4) of the WIA, up to 30 percent of such funds may be transferred by a local board if approved by the Governor;

(2) for federally administered programs, \$483,371,000 as follows:

(A) \$282,092,000 for the dislocated workers assistance national reserve, of which \$6,300,000 shall be available on October 1, 2007, of which \$63,792,000 shall be available for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, and of which \$212,000,000 shall be available for the period October 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009: Provided, That up to \$125,000,000 may be made available for Community-Based Job Training grants from funds reserved under section 132(a)(2)(A) of the WIA and shall be used to carry out such grants under section 171(d) of such Act, except that the 10 percent limitation otherwise applicable to the amount of funds that may be used to carry out section 171(d) shall not be applicable to funds used for Community-Based Job Training grants: Provided further, That funds provided to carry out section 132(a)(2)(A) of the WIA may be used to provide assistance to a State for State-wide or local use in order to address cases where there have been worker dislocations across multiple sectors or across multiple local areas and such workers remain dislocated; coordinate the State workforce development plan with emerging economic development needs; and train such eligible dislocated workers: Provided further, That funds provided to carry out section 171(d) of the WIA may be used for demonstration projects that provide assistance to new entrants in the workforce and incumbent workers: Provided further, That \$2,600,000 shall be for a noncompetitive grant to the National Center on Education and the Economy, which shall be awarded not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That \$1,500,000 shall be for a non-competitive grant to the AFL-CIO Working for America Institute, which shall be awarded not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act: Provided further, That \$2,200,000 shall be for a non-competitive grant to the AFL-CIO Appalachian Council, Incorporated, for Job Corps career transition services, which shall be awarded not later than 30 days after the date of enactment of this Act;

(B) \$55,039,000 for Native American programs, which shall be available for the period July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009;